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TO: House Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: HB 4126, relating to household hazardous waste

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

Lane County urges the Committee to work HB 4126 today and send this measure to the floor with a “DO PASS” recommendation. We find the -4 amendment makes an improvement to the introduced measure. In coming to the position of support on this measure, Lane County notes:

- Product stewardship frameworks are gaining more and more traction throughout North American and are particularly well developed in Canada. They push end of life (disposal) management for retail goods FROM local governments and TOWARDS the industry which manufactured them in the first place.
- Oregon has two successful product stewardship models thus far; electronics and paint. These have matured into expanded opportunities for Oregonians to return these kinds of products to local government run facilities like transfer stations or to retail settings where they are sold or to stand alone centers designed specifically around a collection function.
- In Oregon, counties are responsible for solid waste disposal. Most counties run their own landfill, or contract/franchise for that service. There are two primary cost drivers for landfill operations; ensuring capacity for future wastes, and the toxicity of what is contained within the landfill. HB 4126 specifically targets the latter cost.
- Counties have historically managed household hazardous waste by holding specific events to collect these wastes for proper disposal. Compared to the more robust system which would be created by this measure, these special events typically recover a very small percentage of the waste stream.

We find that HB 4126 would expand the reach of local government efforts to expand the system to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes without burdening the local government with new responsibilities.

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